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GREAT MEETING OF COLORED WOMEN OF STATE

Several Hundred Women Gather At Darlington In The Fifth Annual Session Of The Colored Women's Clubs--Next Annual Session Will Be Held In Columbia June 1916.

Orangeburg, June 22.—With the falling of the president's gavel and the singing "God be with you till we meet again," ended the greatest annual meeting of The State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, in the history of the state. Darlington celebrated in gala fashion the successful ending of the meetings by giving a great banquet Friday night.

The reports showed nearly \$4,600 raised for all purposes during the fiscal year. Over \$600 were raised for educational purposes. There were 50 clubs reporting this year, where only about half so many reported last year. Many prominent visitors were present from all parts of the state.

Speeches were read by women from all parts of the state. The federation work. President Marion B. Wilkinson's annual address was a masterpiece. Mrs. Anna Andrews' paper on recollection of the National Federation that met at Wilberforce was fine. Mrs. N. H. Collins' paper on Why The Federation? was all that could be desired.

The Sunlight Club of Orangeburg led all other clubs of the state in the amount of money raised during the year showing a total of \$473. Charleston was a close second with \$341.

No one could possibly appreciate the amount and kind of work carried on by the Federated clubs of the state unless he were present at the annual meetings. The sessions began with reports being made from clubs from all parts of the state. These reports continued to come in until the last meeting Friday. The conservation of these women as shown in their reports, is marvelous. One is made to believe that at last the women of the state and the South have struck their stride.

The enthusiasm of the people is such a nature that "Augusta" a question of time will cover over as the dew on the grass.

No other organization in the state conducts its business on such a high plane of efficiency as does the State Federation. The women seem to have profited by the mistakes of the men and learned to meet together, transact business with rapidity, without the many annoying features that so often accompany the large gatherings of men.

South Carolina's women have taken a foremost part in the great work of re-organizing the Rural Schools of the state. Long ago her women of great vision and foresight saw that in order to have a superior civilization, built upon a firm basis the children must be trained properly in their primary schools. A careful investigation revealed the fact that the schools of this state were the poorest in the country, when it came to the colored people. In many places it was found that the people did not even receive one whole month's training. The schools were found to be in the hands of very incompetent teachers. The federation set about to improve these unhappy conditions. The result is: in many rural communities the local clubs have extended the terms of the schools and in some instances "Home Economics" and "Agriculture" have been added to the course. A young lady will give her entire time next year to fostering of this Extension feature of the federation's work. Her salary and traveling expenses will be met by the State. Agricultural and Mechanical College for colored youths at Orangeburg.

The federation went on record as being heartily in favor of a State Reformatory for Negro boys. A committee was appointed to meet similar committees

from the Palmetto Medical Association and the State Business League. A standing committee was organized with Dr. J. H. Leevy of Florence, chairman, and Prof. Benj. F. Hubert of Orangeburg, secretary. This committee is empowered to wait upon the governor of the state at some time to be arranged by the secretary and lay the claims of the Negro boy before him and solicit his support in the campaign to be waged for this much needed reformatory. Committees will be appointed in every county of the state who will wait upon their representatives and secure their co-operation in the effort to be made.

Much can be said in praise of the way Darlington entertained the delegates. The delegates one and all were of the opinion that the federation had never been so well entertained before. Mesdames Collins, Gordon, Jenkins and the pastors of the churches Revs. Calahan, Scott, and Rev. Perrin with the host of others who assisted, seemed never to tire in trying to make things pleasant for the visitors.

The slogan for the coming year is "A club in every town and community of the state, and these clubs represented at the meeting in Columbia June 1916." On to Columbia in 1916! What club will carry the best report?

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM GAFFNEY.

Gaffney, June 2.—On the 9th and 10th inst. Morning Star Chapter number thirteen, O. E. S. were entertained by the Grand chapter of the state, Sir Knight Bro. E. J. Sawyer and Hon. lady G. E. Thomas; in fact all of the grand officers were at their post except Hon. lady H. M. Wright of Spartanburg, who was absent on account of death in the family. The public services at Dunston Chapel and Limestone were a treat to the people of the city. The Rev. Mr. R. F. Freeman and Dr. A. A. Sims know how to welcome visitors to the city.

Revs. R. B. Beaty, J. O. Allen and Dr. Sims were the pastors who attended the Baptist state convention at Newberry from Gaffney.

Mesdames L. A. Gaffney and Beaty leave here to-morrow for the Women Baptist state convention at Florence.

The colored people of Cherokee county will hold a county fair this fall. This fair association was launched by Rev. Richard Carroll in 1913. Let all interested begin now for another county fair.

Last week was one of interest with the people of the city in the installation of Rev. J. O. Allen, of Greenville, as pastor of Bethel Baptist church. Great sermons and speeches of welcome were made in welcoming Rev. Allen in our midst. Dr. A. A. Sims and Rev. R. B. Beaty left no stones unturned in their sermons. And Dr. J. S. Dri'l (pastor of First Baptist church white) made the charge to Rev. Allen and deacon board on Sunday evening. Rev. W. M. Lipscombs, of Greenville, told how the Holy Ghost had guided him in helping Bethel to secure a pastor. He stated that last fall he saw an article in the Indicator stating that the Bethel, Philadelphia, and Young Grove churches were in need of pastors. He at once wrote Brown and Riley stating that he had a man to offer the church in the person of Rev. J. O. Allen; asked them to get in correspondence with Rev. Allen and have him to come inspect the field and the result is that the Rev. Allen was called. \$102.96 raised during the week.

Miss Anna Sims of Columbia is here to spend the summer. S. J. Lipscomb.

Missionary Concert at First Calvary.

There will be a concert given at First Calvary Baptist church, Sunday night July 4th by the missionary society. The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission but a collection will be lifted.

Mrs. L. M. Woodson president, Mrs. Lillie Isom, secretary.

BAPTIST S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION.

Important Information Concerning The Convention To Meet At Beaufort Next Month.

Darlington, June 22.—The Executive Board of the S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention at its last session set apart the first Sunday in July as rally day for the Sunday schools of the state. As a means of raising more money for the work of the convention, the board asks further that each Sunday school of the state observe the first Sunday in July as a special convention day; holding special exercises touching on the work of the State S. S. Convention. The board asks further that the money raised in this special rally be sent to the Convention which meets at Beaufort 15-18. The board sets its mark at one thousand dollars. Let every school rally that this amount be raised at this coming convention. This can be done if every school will do its duty.

The following persons have pledged; Rev. J. C. White \$25, Dr. H. M. Moore; \$25, Supt. O. E. Manigault; \$25, Mrs. Ellen Curtis; \$25, Rev. J. H. Walker; \$25, Miss M. J. Brock; \$25, Prof. George Pegues; \$25, Dr. J. J. Durham; \$25, Rev. S. J. Rice; \$25, E. V. Avery; \$25, Rev. D. F. Thompson; \$5, Rev. A. H. Pinkney, Greenwood \$5.

The program for the convention has been published in the papers and notices are being sent to each participant. We urge that each one selected by board do his or her duty, not only to be present but putting his very best into the task in order that the convention might be a great spiritual and intellectual feast. Let no one hesitate to attend this convention on account of fears of fever; there is no danger of fever at Beaufort. Beaufort is really a health resort. Important as to railway accommodations;

It is advisable that delegates going to Beaufort travel on block tickets. All delegates above Newberry should meet at Greenwood and go from there to Beaufort over the C. and W. C. R. R. arrangements will be made for a special car over this line. The president, Rev. H. M. Moore will see to purchasing of block tickets. Write him if you are going to Beaufort.

All delegates who are going through Columbia should purchase a block ticket from Columbia to Beaufort. Rev. J. C. White of Columbia will make arrangements at that point.

All delegates of the Pee Dee section will purchase a block ticket to Beaufort. The writer will make arrangements at that point.

Ministers who use permits are requested to travel on a block ticket where they are needed to help make out the number. The rate will be the same.

If any school cannot observe the first Sunday in July as rally day, the board asks the second be used. We urge that every union be represented by delegate or letter. Morris College should be especially remembered by every school; foreign missions should not be forgotten by any one. For further information write the president or corresponding secretary.

Rev. H. M. Moore, president, Anderson. Rev. Wm. Howard corresponding secretary Darlington.

BARNWELL NEWS.

Barnwell, June 23.—On the second Sunday Rev. B. Levester, B. D. of Orangeburg filled the pulpit of the Bethlehem Baptist church and preached a powerful sermon both morning and night which were very much enjoyed by a large congregation.

Mrs. M. B. Eve visited in Allendale last week and while there she paid an official call on the Allendale "Household of Ruth" and gave them some helpful information.

In Barnwell county we can indeed say we are living in the

land of plenty for our truck farms, especially the cabbage farms have yielded an hundred fold for they have actually been sold for 25 cent per wagon load and even given away by the loads to get them off the lands.

Miss Louise Butler is visiting in Augusta. Miss Emmie Allen who has been taking a special course in music for the past two terms at Pain College, Augusta is at home again to the delight of her many friends.

On the third Sunday our pulpit was graced with the presence of Rev. G. R. Mallog, A. B. D. D. And the sermons he preached while here will not soon be forgotten for they were filled with the Holy Ghost, so much so that our hearts burned while this man of God preached.

Mrs. M. B. Eve, Mrs. Sallie Cowen and Miss Gertie Nix leave this week for Florence to attend the Woman's State Convention.

Mr. Jas. Green and deacon W. W. Ryan returned Friday from Charleston where they have been for several months employed by the government.

Mr. John Morris the Ass't. sup't of the city's water and light plant has been in complete charge for the past month or more, on account of the illness of the Supt. and the whole of Barnwell and especially the colored people are proud of the way in which he handles the plant.

Miss Louise Gardner of Allendale was the guest of Miss Emmie Allen last week.

DOTS FROM GREENWOOD.

The Queen Esther Cantata given at Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. church June 9 was quite a success, the best local talents played their part well. Cast of characters:

Esther the Queen, Miss Necie B. Nance. Ahasuerous King, Mr. Thec Lynch. Mordecai, Dr. Mious. Homan, Mr. Goodwin. Zeresh, Miss Sadie Perrin. Prophetess, Miss Melrose Lagrown and others give credit to their parts. They realized the sum \$51.00.

Mrs. Jackson of Aiken is guest of Mrs. J. V. Stewart this week. Janet Moore, the promising son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Moore, departed this life June 10 and buried Sunday. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family. The decease was a member of the K of P.

Mr. Walter Moore of Birmingham Ala. was called home to the death of his nephew.

Prof. J. W. Sanders of Tillison college Austin, Texas, is the delightful guest of Miss Mayme Williams.

F. Moore of Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. church was elected delegate to the electoral college which will convene in this city July 7.

Little Miss Jinnie Williams has gone to spend a few weeks with her grand mother, Mrs. Cornelia Robinson near Ware Shoals.

Mr. Hattie Weir leaves this week for the mountains.

P. H. Robinson of Donalds spent Sunday in the city guest of his Mrs. Caro Williams, 360 New Market street.

JOSEPH MILLIGAN DEAD

Springfield June 19.—Mr. Joseph Milligan lived a consistent christian member of the Samaria Baptist church and died in the faith of our Lord. Rev. J. C. Gilmore of Columbia, pastor, preached the funeral. Rev. G. W. Raiford ex-pastor also took a part in the burial ceremony. His many friends will miss him. He left two sons, three daughters, four brothers, three sisters and a wife to mourn his loss.

Robert Milligan who is brother of the deceased, died down to attend the funeral. New York. There were one thousand people in the burial of the deceased.

Crops are looking well in this part of the country. The Sunday school and church are moving upward since our new pastor, Rev. J. C. Gilmore has been with us. Jamie S. Corbett.

COURT UPSETS VALIDITY OF GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.

Tribunal Decides Against Constitutionality of Election Regulations Existing Before 15th Amendment.

Washington, June 21.—The supreme court, in what is considered one of the most important race decisions in history, today ruled as unconstitutional the Oklahoma constitutional amendment and the Annapolis, Md., voters' qualification law restricting the suffrage rights of those who could not vote or whose ancestors could not vote prior to the ratification of the fifteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

Chief Justice White, a native of the South and a former Confederate soldier, announced the court's decision, which was unanimous, except that Justice McReynold took no part in case.

By holding that conditions that existed before the fifteenth amendment, which provides that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridge on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, could not be brought over to the present day in disregard of this self-executing amendment, it is generally believed that the court went a long way toward invalidating much of the so-called "grand-father clause," in constitutions of Southern states.

FROM SMALL BASIS.

The immediate effect of the court's decision was to uphold the conviction of two Oklahoma election officials who denied Negroes the right to vote in a congressional election, and to award the Maryland Negroes' damage from election officials in Annapolis who refused to register them. The court held that Oklahoma election officials could not ignore the fifteenth amendment in wiping out of state constitutions the word "white" as a qualification for voting. In the Maryland case, the court's decision established the point that the fifteenth amendment applies to municipal as well as to federal elections.

Discussing the Oklahoma case, Chief Justice White said the suffrage amendment to the state constitution first fixed a literacy standard, and then followed it with a provision creating a standard based upon the condition existing on January 1, 1866, prior to the adoption of the fifteenth amendment, and eliminated those coming under that standard from the inclusion in the literacy test.

The court held that this action recreated and perpetuated the very conditions which the fifteenth amendment was intended to destroy.

"It is true," continued the chief, "that it contains no express word of an exclusion of any person on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, but the standard itself inherently brings that result into existence.

"In other words, we seek in vain for any ground which would sustain any other interpretation but that the provision, recurring to the conditions existing before the fifteenth amendment was adopted, proposed to make them the basis of the right to suffrage. And the same result, we are of the opinion, is demonstrated by consideration whether it is possible to discover any basis or reason for the standard thus fixed, other than the purpose above stated."

MANY BECOME POSITIVE.

The chief justice had prefaced this state by a development of the argument that the restriction imposed by the fifteenth amendment on the power of the states to restrict the suffrage was coincident with the principle that the true sense of the amendment gives no right to the states to restrict the suffrage. "It was long recognized that in operation the prohibition might have that effect; that the commission of the self-restriction of the states was one of dis-

crimination against which it was aimed, the result might arise that as a consequence of the striking down of a discriminating cause a right of suffrage would be enjoyed by reason of the generic character of the provision which would remain after the discrimination was stricken out."

NOTES FROM STATE COLLEGE.

State Teachers Association and State Farmers to meet at College during Summer Session.

Orangeburg, June 22.—Each day brings letters of inquiry about rooms and accommodations at the Summer School, which will open Monday June 28. Reduced rates have been granted on the coupon ticket plan by all railroads in the State for the occasion, and persons expecting to attend should ask for these rates upon purchasing tickets. It would be well for those living at stations where coupons tickets are not sold to inquire of the agents for them at least three days previous to the time of departure, so that the ticket form might be had when the time for the trip arrives.

The College has become an all-the-year-round place of instruction. Two weeks after the closing of the regular session a kindergarten was opened, and has been attended by a large number of children. These little folks will compose the Practice School for teachers in the summer session, affording them ideas of work to be done in the lower grades of the rural school, which most of them teach. At the conclusion of the summer session a short course school of Agriculture will be opened for the benefit of farmers who will be able to give time to this instruction after they are through laying by their crops.

The State Teachers Association will meet during the summer session, the dates of July 21-23 having been set aside for this purpose. An excellent program of papers and addresses has been arranged, and those who attend will be greatly benefited. Delegates to the National Teachers Association, which meets at Cincinnati July 27th, will be chosen at this meeting.

The State Farmers will gather at the College July 27th and discuss problems connected with rural schools and farm economics. The attendance at this meeting is expected to be large and general.

Pullman Porters hold their first weekly meeting.

New York, June 21.—The Summer session of the pullman porters weekly began Sunday morning June 20th 11: a m. at Mott Haven yards New York City. There was a large number of pullman porters present from schools of every section of the country. The meeting was a very interesting one. The principal address was delivered by Rev. M. Edmonds of Va. Union Theological Seminary. Among the others who spoke were Rev. M. C. White, Davis of Va. Union, Mr. M. M. Snowden of New York City agent for the continental casualty Co. at Mott Haven yards and Mr. William L. Bryant of State College of South Carolina at Orangeburg. Bryant made a very interesting speech and many expressed their hopes that he would be with them the following Sunday. He is a porter of this Cleveland district.

NOTICE.

All Capital City Civic League members are cordially invited to be present at the regular monthly meeting, July 2 1915 at Martin's Hall, 1111 Washington St. Bishop Wm D. Chappelle, A. M., D. D., will address us on the situation of the day. All men and women are solicited to come and hear the Bishop. J. R. Nowell president, A. E. Simon, secretary.